Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Three to four million women and their children experienced domestic violence last year; and,

WHEREAS, The Department of Justice reported, an incident of domestic violence occurs once every 15 seconds; and,

WHEREAS, The South Dakota Attorney General reported, 24 of the 35 homicide/suicides in 1986 involved violence within a household; and,

WHEREAS, There is a dire need for programs which advocate for victims, promote accountability of the judicial system, and encourage a partnership between the public and private sectors to improve services to victims; and,

WHEREAS, National Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides the citizens of South Dakota with the opportunity to reaffirm their commitment to recognize the rights of victims and support local programs which advocate for victims; and,

WHEREAS, South Dakota Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and all citizens of South Dakota who are concerned about domestic violence will join together to promote greater public awareness about victimization and the need to support victims' rights;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 1987, as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota, and recognize the contributions made by the South Dakota Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and commend them for their exemplary service to victims of domestic violence and to our state.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Third Day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE